(b) whether the aggrieved employees have protested against the criteria adopted for retrenchment of staff;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Ministry of Law was consulted over the criteria that it does not violate the law of the land; and

(e) whether the whole office or part of it would be closed down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Railway Terminal in Uttar Pradesh

3491. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of U.P. have not been connected with Rail terminal even after 35 years of Indian Independence;

(b) if so, the names of these places district-wise as on 15th December, 1992.

(c) whether Government propose to chalk out some programmes to connect these areas with rail terminals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof districtwise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Uttar Pradesh has a very extensive rail network totalling 8916 kms out of a total of 62,367 kms on Indian Railways. It will be appreciated that railways cannot serve each and every town & village and there would be numerous places in all districts which do not have railway stations. Listing all such places is just not possible. However, the following inportant towns not connected by rail earlier are now being provided with rail links in Uttar Pradesh; Goverdhan, Rudrapur, Haldi and Bilaspur.

Tenure for staff on Reservation-Cum-Booking Office

3492. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some tenure for staff working in reservation-cum-booking offices in gazetted and non-gazetted cadre has been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof with details of staff cadre-wise and station-wise over-staying;

(c) whether this norm of tenure is also applicable to staff working in Parliament House Reservation-cum-Booking offices;

(d) whether large number of staff either in Gazetted or non-Gazetted cadre working in Parliament House are over-staying;

(e) whether Government porpose to take any action to give opportunities to other staff to work in rotation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Certain identified categories of Railway employees holding sensitive posts and who frequently come into contact with public and/or Contractors/ Suppliers including those working in Reservation-cum-Booking offices are required to be transferred every four years.

The above tenure rules are normally adhered to, except in cases where employee are retained beyond the normal tenure in exigencies of service.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Rotational transfers of staff in the sensitive categories are carried out regularly. Since in the exigency of service, it may not always be possible to transfer all those who complete four years stay on a post/seat in one go, the